

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, May 18, 2021)
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Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Eric Colvin
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Commissioner John E. O'Connor
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
ALisa Casas, Communications Director, Public Information Office

1. WELCOME

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 9:02 a.m. in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

Approval of Consent Agenda

I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which contains the Minutes of May 11, 2021, as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

2. ST. MARY'S COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MOTION TO ADJOURN AS COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY

I move to adjourn as the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and reconvene as the St. Mary's County Board of Health.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

A. BOARD OF HEALTH

Present: Dr. Meenakshi Brewster, Health Officer

Dr. Brewster provided an update on COVID-19. Same day PCR testing is now available at the Health Department in Leonardtown for Symptomatic Children 17 or younger; EMS/Fire

Fighters; Law Enforcement/Corrections; Health Care Workers; and, School/Daycare Staff. Pfizer vaccinations are now available to anyone who is 12-17 years old. Dr. Brewster explained initiatives the Health Department has taken to get vaccinations to all citizens of the County. Neighborhood canvassing in the hardest hit zip codes, smaller, onsite mobile vaccine clinics, assistance with registering for a vaccination and clinics scheduled at locations for groups of 10 or more are just a few of their initiatives. The Health Department has also reached out to employers suggesting they host an employee vaccine clinic. She reported that 53,275 residents have received their first vaccine and 45,037 have received their second. A free digital Vaccine Card is now available for your phone at www.smchd.org/vaccinecheck

MOTION TO ADJOURN AS THE ST. MARY'S COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

I move to adjourn as the St. Mary's County Board of Health and reconvene as the Commissioners of St. Mary's County.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

3. PUBLIC HEARING

A. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Public Hearing - Proposed Ordinance to allow private piers in waterfront subdivisions that were platted prior to December 31, 1994, that have a community pier.

Commissioner President Guy opened the Public Hearing at 9:42 a.m.

Present: Bill Hunt, Director

The current St. Mary's County Zoning Ordinance, Standards for Shoreline Resources prohibits private piers in all subdivisions that have Community piers. The proposed ordinance will delete and replace the County Zoning Ordinance to allow private piers in subdivisions platted that were platted before December 11, 1994, that have a community pier. This exemption is the same exemption that is allowed by state law.

Commissioner President Guy asked Dr. Bridgett to provide Guidelines for the public hearing and open the hearing for public comment.

Public Comments given by:

Donald Gladu, 44540 Shallow Ford Ct., Tall Timbers, MD

Kirby Sutton, 44822 Maindrive Way, Piney Point, MD

Dr. Bridgett closed the public hearing for public comment noting that the record would remain open for public comment for an additional seven days.

Commissioner President Guy closed the public hearing at 9:52 a.m.

4. PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. National Safe Boating Week
- B. National Emergency Medical Services Week
- C. National Public Works Week

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - Symbolic Check to College of Southern Maryland for the Jane Hale Sypher Scholarship Fund

Present: Cynthia Brown, Division Manager, Dept. of Aging and Human Services
Chelsa Clute, Executive Director, CSM Foundation, College of Southern Maryland
Norma Pipkin, Chair, Commission for Women

Ms. Pipkin presented a check in the amount of \$,1350 to Ms. Clute for the Jane Hale Sypher Scholarship.

B. St. Mary's County Animal Shelter Virtual Groundbreaking

The Groundbreaking for the Animal Shelter expected to open in late 2022 was presented.

6. MAIN AGENDA ITEMS

A. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES - Years of Service Awards

The following employee were recognized:

35 Years

Kenneth L. Cusic, Sheriff's Office

30 Years

Paul A. Reed, Jr., Dept. of Public Works & Transportation
Donna K. Sasscer, Dept. of Economic Development
Rebecca Trossback, Dept. of Finance
Mary Collier, Dept. of Information Technology
Richard Gray, Sheriff's Office
Ralph W. Ridgell, Dept. of Public Works & Transportation

John W. Wise, Dept. of Public Works & Transportation
Catherine A. Conlon, State's Attorney's Office
Edward A. Willenborg, Sheriff's Office

25 Years

Alice J. Allen, Dept. of Aging and Human Services
Diane Gleissner, Office of the County Attorney
David G. Koenig, Sheriff's Office
Joseph Summerville, Sheriff's Office

B. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Decision - Proposed Amendment to the Official Zoning Maps of St. Mary's County to delete the existing 1000-foot Critical Area Boundary line and replace with the new Critiical Area Boundary Line from the Statewide Base Map as required by HB 1253

I move to approve the proposed amendment to the Official Zoning Maps to delete the existing 1000-foot Critical Area Boundary line and replace it with the new 1000-foot Critical Area Boundary line from the Statewide Base Map as required by HB 1253 and the amendment to Chapter 27 of the St. Mary's County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 285 of the Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland, to allow the limited exception for property owners to build using the current Critical Area Boundary Line and have Commissioner President sign all related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan
Nay: Commissioner O'Connor

C. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Decision - St. Mary's County Public Ethics Ordinance Revisions

I move to approve and execute the proposed amendments to the St. Mary's County Public Ethics Ordinance and have Commissioner President sign any related documents.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

7. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR MAY 25 AND JUNE 8, 2021. There will be no meeting of the Commissioners on June 1, 2021.

B. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - 2021 Christmas in April Resolution to Waive Tipping Fees

I move to adopt the Resolution waiving the landfill fees for Christmas in April projects associated with the annual program scheduled for Saturday, May 22, 2021.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

C. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Agreements with Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD) and Naval Aviation Systems Consortium (NASC) to operate in TechPort

I move to enter into agreements with the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD) and Naval Aviation Systems Consortium (NASC) to operate in TechPort, and have the Commissioner President sign all related documents.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

Following the approval to waive tipping fees the Commissioners presented a Proclamation to Darene Kleinsorgen, Executive Director, Christmas in April for the outstanding service they provide to the community.

D. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - FY2022 Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) (Year 3 of 3) Notification of Grant Award

I move to approve the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) (Year 3 of 3) grant award, project #US2110 from the Corporation for National and Community Service/AmeriCorps Senior on behalf of the Department of Aging & Human Services in the amount of \$50,000 to continue this volunteer program, the related budget amendment to increase the project budget and authorize the Commissioner President to execute related documents.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

E. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - FDR Blvd.

I move to approve the Option Contract with Kody Holdings, LLC for property acquisition for FDR Blvd. authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Contract and any related documents.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

F. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Budget Amendment to Realign County Personal Services and Snow Removal Accounts FY2021

I move to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$1,097,000, increasing \$822,380 in salary and fringe accounts, and transferring \$274,620 to the Commissioner's Emergency Reserve due to salary savings over the needed costs for snow removal, and approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$793,070 for non-personal snow removal costs and reducing the Commissioner's Emergency Reserve by \$771,944.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

8. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events attended over the past week and provided general comments.

9. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on May 25, 2021.

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Sharon Ferris, Administrative Assistant

10. BUDGET WORK SESSION

A. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - FY2022 Budget work session to seek final direction

Present: Jeannett Cudmore, Chief Financial Officer

Jody Quasney, Deputy Director of Finance

MOTION 1: I move that the Non-profits be funded from the General Fund.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Morgan

Nay: Commissioners Colvin, O'Connor

MOTION 2: I make a motion to fund \$779,000 to the BOE to fully fund their negotiated agreement.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Fails

Yea: Commissioners Colvin, O'Connor

Nay: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Morgan

MOTION 3: I make a motion to take \$1.999 Million of BOE non-recurring costs, add \$1Million of the LOSAP allocation to make 3 Million for turf fields and the additional \$2 Million from fund balance to LOSAP.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan

Nay: Commissioner O'Connor

MOTION 4: I move to rescind the motion to take \$1.999 Million of BOE non-recurring costs, add \$1Million of the LOSAP allocation to make 3 Million for turf fields and the additional \$2 Million from fund balance to LOSAP.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

MOTION 5: I move to use \$2.5 Million from fund balance for turf fields at the schools.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Morgan

Nay: Commissioners Colvin, O'Connor

MOTION 6: I make a motion for \$2M for LOSAP.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Morgan

Nay: Commissioners Colvin, O'Connor

MOTION 7: I make a motion that we hire 16 EMTs and do residual on contract.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Morgan

Nay: Commissioners Colvin, O'Connor

MOTION 8: I move to increase the growth rate to 4% and reduce income tax from 3.7 to 3.1% as of January 1, 2022.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

MOTION 9: I move to increase everyone (BOE, Sheriff's Office, County Employees) to 1.3% COLA.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Morgan

Nay: Commissioners Colvin, O'Connor

MOTION 10: I make a motion we do not update the tax credits.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan

Nay: Commissioner O'Connor

MOTION 11: I move we allocate \$1,031,000 for FY22 and FY23 for the YMCA A&E Study.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor